



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

HILLCREST SENIOR HIGH

Greenville

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 2,143

Principal: Stephen A. Chamness

Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher

Board Chair: Roger Meek

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Good	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Good	Average	N/A	Gold	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
14	7	6	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	72.8%	79.3%	80.5%	82.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	17.2%	14.1%	11.1%	10.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.0%	6.6%	8.4%	6.8%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.2%	93.2%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	578	402
Number of Diplomas	412	309
Rate (%)	71.3%	77.4%

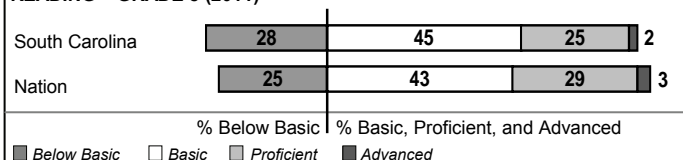
## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	78.3	79.4
English 1	79.8	70.8
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	64.0	74.1
Physical Science	61.6	63.8
US History and the Constitution	53.3	55.3
All Tests	66.4	68.6

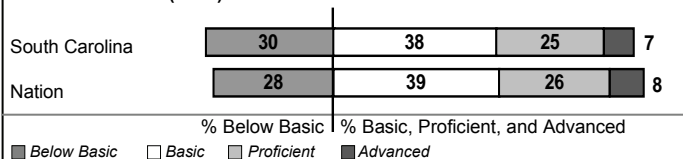
## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

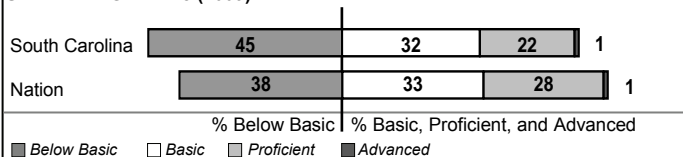
### READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



### MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)



### SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=2,143)</b>				
Retention rate	3.9%	Down from 4.3%	2.4%	3.4%
Attendance rate	89.1%	Down from 93.9%	94.7%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.1%	Up from 15.3%	17.9%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Up from 7.8%	8.7%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	5.3%	Down from 8.0%	4.9%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Up from 0.3%	0.9%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	32.2%	Up from 21.6%	20.2%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	43.6%	Down from 43.8%	56.6%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	41.1%	Down from 52.1%	35.5%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	2.2%	Down from 4.0%	2.6%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	4.0%	Up from 2.5%	2.7%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1250	Up from 1243	738	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	0.0%	Down from 85.6%	83.2%	83.0%
<b>Teachers (n=102)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.8%	Up from 54.9%	63.3%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	81.4%	Up from 74.3%	83.4%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Up from 85.0%	88.0%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	91.1%	Down from 97.4%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,760	Down 0.6%	\$48,319	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.3%	Up from 2.1%	1.6%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	6.3 days	Up from 6.1 days	11.4 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 7.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	33.8 to 1	Up from 31.0 to 1	29.9 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	82.8%	Down from 91.4%	89.2%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,070	Down 4.6%	\$6,904	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.7%	Up from 59.6%	61.0%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.5%	Up from 62.4%	62.8%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.7%	Up from 93.9%	97.8%	97.3%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	66.7%	No Change	76.2%	65.2%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	58	362	30
Percent satisfied with learning environment	77.6%	78.1%	66.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	79.3%	81.6%	70.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	77.6%	90.7%	56.7%

\*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

For almost sixty years, Hillcrest High School has been a source of pride for the Simpsonville-Fountain Inn Community. Hillcrest is proud of its students and faculty and their accomplishments. Through interest assessments, job shadowing, work-site visits, and career speakers, students evaluate their interests. The Career Development Facilitator provides various opportunities for students to explore their interests and develop their goals. Each student meets with their guidance counselor to determine which classes best suit the student's needs and goals. Students have ample opportunity to investigate their interests through many outstanding classes at Hillcrest High.

The Freshman Academy is an exceptional feature that continues to positively impact our ninth graders. With common planning times, collaboration among faculty members increases and strengthens our academic programs for our ninth grade students. Teachers offer after school tutoring at least two days each week and regularly communicate student progress to parents. Hillcrest offers a variety of opportunities for student involvement. Each year many of our teams compete for regional, as well as, state championships. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular clubs and organizations. Our agriculture department is considered a model program across the state and has been featured on South Carolina's ETV. It boasts Hillcrest Greenhouse Industries, which is a student run enterprise from buying the seed to selling the products that operates a fall plant sale, Christmas tree sale, and spring plant sale each year. This department also supports several small animal care classes. Our business department and fine arts departments are also leaders in our district.

Hillcrest continues to seek avenues in which students can exercise goodwill and leadership. Once again, our student body in partnership with the community raised nearly \$100,000 in one week in support of a local charity and an underprivileged school. Students are also active in other charities such as hosting food drives and natural disaster relief for various areas in need. The local community strongly supports Hillcrest High School. Both athletic and academic booster clubs are strong and actively involved in providing support in the form of time and money for our students. Hillcrest is dedicated to providing a safe, positive learning environment which brings together the resources of staff, family, and our community to create the best future possible for our students.

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Lynn Tuten, SIC Chairperson

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